Agricultural Research in Oilseeds

1525. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minsiter of AGRICULTURE be pleasd to state:

(a) whether one of the thrust areas in agricultural research and education is to achieve selfsufficiency in oilseeds production;

(b) if so, the efforts made in this regard so far; and

(c) the details of the results of these efforts?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Research efforts made to achieve self-sufficiency in oilseeds production include development of improved varieties/hybrids having higher yield potential and resistance to pests and diseases, crop production and protection technologies, breeder seed production and conduct of frontline demonstrations.

(c) A number of superior varieties and hybrids have been developed for specific locations and situations List of some of important varieties and hybrids developed during the last 3 years is given in the Statement (*see* below).

To maximise yield gains from improved varieties/hybrids agronomic package of practices and plant protection measures have been developed for different situations.

Statement

List of important varieties and hybrids of different oilsed crops developed during last three years

Groundnut:	BAU-13, TKG 19A, B 95, K 134, ICGV 86325, GG 3, DRG 17, DRG 12, TG 26.
Soybean:	JS 79-81, NRC 2, NRC 12, PK 564, PK 1024, PK 1029, VLS-21.
Rapeseed-Mustard:	PBR-91, PBT-37, PCR-7, BIO-092, GSL-2, PC-5, Sheetal, PGSH-51 (Hybrid).
Sunflower:	Varieties: TNAUSUF 7, GAUSUF 15 Hybrids: PSFH-67, PKVSH-27, Jwalamukhi.
Sesamum:	RT-103, TKG 22, YLM-1, YLM-2 (Gautam), GUJTIL 2 TSS-6 (SVPR), RT 125, T-78
Linseed:	Triveni, Nagarkot, Surabhi.
Castor:	DCS-9 (Jyothi)

AC-3 Tier Coaches in long distance trains

1526. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to attach AC-3 Tier coaches in all the long distance trains;

(b) if so, the long distance trains in which such facilities have been provided;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to introduce 3-Tier AC coaches in New Delhi/ Hazrat Nizamuddin-Puri bound Neelanchal Express, Puri Express and Utkal Express;

(d) if so, by when and the steps taken in the matter; and

(e) the steps taken to add at least one more additional 2-tier AC coach in all these trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to provide A.C. 2 Tier/A.C. 3 Tier sleeper accommodation in all long distance overnight Mail/Express trains in a phased manner.

(b) A statement is attached. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) There is no proposal at present.

(e) With the deployment of an A.C. 3 tier sleeper coach on 2801/2802 Purshottam Express there is no proposal to provide additional A.C. 2 tier coaches on these trains as a regular measure.

Following Mail/Express trains are having A.C. 3 tier accommodation in their composition:—

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1. 1005/1006 Vidharbha Express
2. 1033/1034 Pushpak Express
3. 1037/1038 Punjab Mail
4. 1063/1064 Chennai Express
5. 1093/1094 Mahanagari Express

6. 2301/2302 New Delhi-Howrah Rajdhani Express
7. 2305/2306 New Delhi-Howrah Rajdhani Express (via Patna)
8. 2303/2304 Purva Express
9. 2381/2382 Purva Express
10. 2309/2310 New Delhi-Patna Rajdhani Express
11. 2311/2312 Kalka Mail
12. 2307/2308 Howrah-Jodhpur Express
13. 2391/2392 Magadh Express
14. 2401/2402 Shramjeevi Express
15. 2403/2404 Delhi-Jammu Tawi Express
16. 2413/2414 Delhi-Jaipur Express
17. 2417/2418 Prayagraj Express
18. 2421/2422 New Delhi-Bhubaneshwar Rajdhani Express
19. 2423/2424 New Delhi-Guwahati Rajdhani Express
20. 2425/2426 New Delhi-Jammu Tawi Rajdhani Express
21. 2429/2430 Nizamuddin-Bangalore Rajdhani Express
22. 2431/2432 Nizamuddin-Trivandrum Rajdhani Express
23. 4057/4058 Kashi Vishwanath Express
24. 4229/4230 Lucknow Mail
25. 2553/2554 Vaishali Express
26. 5621/5622 North East Express
27. 2615/2616 G.T. Express
28. 2621/2622 Tamil Nadu Express
29. 2633/2634 Nizamuddin-Madras Rajdhani Express
30. 6045/6046 Navjeevan Express
31. 6519/6520 Bangalore-Guwahati Express
32. 6673/6674 Cheran Express
33. 7001/7002 Hussain Sagar Express
34. 7007/7008 Godavari Express
35. 7031/7032 Hyderabad-Mumbai Express
36. 7059/7060 Charminar Express
37. 2723/2724 A.P. Express
38. 2801/2802 Purshottam Express
39. 2841/2842 Coromandal Express
40. 2859/2860 Geetanjali Express
41. 2903/2904 Golden Temple Mail
42. 2951/2952 New Delhi-Mumbai Rajdhani Express
43. 2953/2954 August Kranti Rajdhani Express
44. 2955/2956 Jaipur-Mumbai Express
45. 2961/2962 Avantika Express
46. 9101/9102 Gujarat Mail

Norms for Declaration for Scarcity Hit Districts

1527. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any districts in Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra have been declared as scarcity hit districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the norms adopted to identify and notify such districts; indicating the population affected by scarcity, district-wise;

(c) the amount of Central assistance sought by the respective State Governments for relief measures; and

(d) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) The norms adopted for declaration of any area as scarcity affected vary from State to State. On the basis of the provisions contained in the Relief Manuals, Talukas/Villages which suffer crop loss of over 50% are declared as scarcity affected. According to the information received from the State Governments, 593 villages in 5 Talukas in Kachchh districts of Gujarat covering a population of 5.10 lakhs have been declared scarcity hit during 1996-97. Based on the crop cutting experiments, 13664 villages